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In re application of

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims:

Kindly amend claims 5-18 and 22-35 as follows.

Claim 5, line 2, delete "or 4";

Claim 6, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 5" to --claim 3--;

Claim 7, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 6" to --claim 3--;

Claim 8, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 7" to --claim 3--;

Claim 9, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 7" to --claim 3--;

Claim 10, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 7" to --claim 3--;

Claim 11, line 2, delete "or 9 or 10";

Claim 12, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 11" to --claim 3--;

Claim 13, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 12" to --claim 3--;

Claim 14, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 13" to --claim 3--;

Claim 15, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 14" to --claim 3--;

Claim 16, line 2, change "any one of claims 3 to 13" to --claim 3--;

ATTACHMENT E